

**NATUROPATHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2003**

**LOCATION:** Department of Health  
Conference Center  
1101 Eastside Street  
Olympia, Washington 98504

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Rowse, N.D., Chair  
John Catanzaro, N.D., Vice Chair  
Barbara Gross, N.D.  
Andrew Holguin, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager  
Karen Maasjo, Administrative Assistant  
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director  
Arlene Robertson, Program Manager

**AAG PRESENT:**

Mark Brevard, AAG Advisor

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Roger Rowse, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The meeting agenda was approved as written. The October 16, 2002 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**2. WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LEGEND  
SUBSTANCES RESEARCH UPDATE**

Dr. Dan Labriola presented the updated legend substances list proposal on behalf of the Washington Association of Naturopathic Physician. Dr. Labriola handed out a short list of substances and gave the program an expanded two volume set of substances with pharmacy references.

Dr. Labriola acknowledged the work of Dr. Amy Hobson and her husband, Dr. Christian Dodge who compiled the expanded list. Dr. Hobson provided further explanation of the proposed list. Dr. Hobson also explained that the proposed list is ordered in categories and sub-categories. The association believes the use of categories instead of individually listing each substance will save the department money and time.

The department will review the list and plans to make recommendations for updating the current list at the next scheduled committee meeting.

### **3. LEGEND SUBSTANCES LIST UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Dr. Bruce Klein, distributed a revised copy of his request to update the legend substances list. Dr. Klein's proposal would use a criterion to completely replace the current list. The criterion would be used to determine if an agent is something a Naturopath may or may not prescribe. Dr. Klein discussed traditional and herbal pharmacopoeia and how to define it. He stated that package inserts should be enough to be traditional pharmacopoeia.

Dr. Klein's proposal would use an interim period for currently licensed Naturopaths to become credentialed for the proposed prescriptive authority. If currently licensed Naturopaths do not become credentialed for the proposed prescriptive authority during the interim period, they forfeit the option. At the end of the interim period, all candidates for licensure would be required to become credentialed at the level of the proposed prescriptive authority.

The department will review the proposed update and plans to make recommendations for updating the current list at the next scheduled committee meeting.

### **4. UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT REQUEST FOR SCHOOL APPROVAL UPDATE**

Roger Rowse, Chair, discussed the site visit to the University of Bridgeport, College of Naturopathic Medicine, as part of their request to become an approved school in Washington State. Dr. Rowse participated in the site visit with Dr. Robert Beardemphl, educational consultant, on January 16 and 17, 2003. Dr. Rowse stated that the school was in the ninetieth percentile in every category reviewed.

The committee recommended that the Secretary accept and approve the University of Bridgeport's request.

### **5. PROPOSED FEE REDUCTIONS FOR NATUROPATHY PROGRAM**

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager, discussed the proposed fee reductions for the Naturopathy program. There will be a public rules hearing to discuss the proposed fee reductions on February 28, 2003, at the Department of Health Conference Center. If the proposed reductions go through, the new fees will take effect on July 1, 2003.

### **6. PROGRAM REPORT**

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager, discussed program activities. Information on a naturopathy newsletter will be brought to the next committee meeting for discussion. Walt Clemons, Public Member, is currently reviewing information from Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences. He will be presenting the results of his review at the next committee meeting.

Ms. Rawnsley updated the committee on the current budget for the program. The balance for the Naturopathy program as of December 2002 is \$583, 795.

Ms. Rawnsley discussed the upcoming physical move for the program office. The move is scheduled for March 28-30 and the office will be relocating to a new building in Tumwater, Washington. The remainder of the committee meetings for this year are scheduled to be held at the new location in Tumwater.

Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director, discussed the importance of committee members contacting the program when they are contacted by outside entities. The committee members should work through the program when they are requested to provide input as representatives of the department.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Bruce Milliman asked questions regarding the number of complaints received by the program. Ms. Rawnsley responded with approximate numbers based on the complaint information reviewed at the previous meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Recorded and Submitted by:

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Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager  
Naturopathic Advisory Committee

Approved by:

Signature on file

Roger Rowse, Chair  
Naturopathic Advisory Committee